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Dear Ms. Rick,

I am responding to the notice in the Federal Register on pages 16440-16441, Vol.66, No. 58 published on Monday, March 26, 2001 referencing the Cotton Research and Promotion Program.

As a certified producer organization, Georgia Farm Bureau has been a strong advocate of the Cotton Research and Promotion Program. The sales of, both domestic and imported cotton, textiles and other cotton goods have been a great success story for the entire industry. The program has worked well and most all segments of the industry have benefited.

The Cotton Board has done an admirable job administering the program. The cotton promotion and research programs have been very effective in improving cottons position in the market place.

Georgia Farm Bureau, representing the majority of cotton farmers within our state, **does not** support AMS conducting a referendum to determine the continuation of the Cotton Research and Promotion Order. The program is working well and should be continued. A referendum is not needed.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this important program.

Sincerely,

Wayne Dollar, President  
Georgia Farm Bureau Federation